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12 MS. SKYWALKER: Hi. Who decided on Yucca  
13 Mountain? Was it a group of scientists well versed in  
14 the dangers of nuclear waste? No, it wasn't. It was  
15 Congress. It was a Congress that Nevada carried little  
16 influence with. The scientists' recommendations was  
17 geologic salt mines. Nevada has none.

18 And then there's the transportation problem,  
19 which speakers before me already talked about, and the  
20 number of years it would take for it to get here. We  
21 do have a responsibility to future generations to find  
22 a real solution to nuclear waste. Our money could be  
23 better spent funding the development of recycling and  
24 transmutation technologies. How many power plants  
25 would still be online had we been recycling waste all

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1 along? How much less waste would we have now?

2 Nuclear power is not and will not be the  
3 clean, safe alternative we had hoped for, until the  
4 waste problem is solved. Storing it in a  
5 scientifically less than ideal condition will only  
6 create more problems. Neither has it turned out to be

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7 the economic solution to our energy needs. With  
8 shutdowns and accidents, most plants operate at less  
9 than 20 percent capacity. France, the leading nation  
10 in the world in nuclear power, is not building any more  
11 nuclear power plants. That's all I have to say.